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1 doing one kind of work compared to another facility doing a
2 different kind of work?

3 Q Let's go to 3018. I want to pull up the OSHA regulation.
4 This is 29 CFR Section 1926.1101.

5 THE COURT: Mr. Mullady, I apologize. I didn't get
6 the exhibit number.

7 MR. MULLADY: It's ACC/FCR 3018.

8 THE COURT: Thank you.

9 Q Okay, this is the OSHA regulation. Can we explode it a
10 little bit so it's readable. Okay, 1926.1101 construction at
11 the top here.

12 THE COURT: This is the new one?

13 MR. MULLADY: Yes.

14 Q Construction, alteration, repair, maintenance et cetera.
15 I want to go down and refer you to the section Appendix A OSHA
16 reference method mandatory. This mandatory appendix specifies
17 the procedure for analyzing air samples for asbestos and
18 specifies quality control procedures that must be implemented
19 by laboratories performing the analysis. The sampling in
20 analytical methods described below represent the elements of
21 the available monitoring methods such as Appendix B of this
22 regulation. The most current version of the OSHA method id-160
23 or the most current version of the NIOSH method 7400. All
24 employers who are required to conduct air monitoring under
25 Paragraph F of the standard are required to utilize analytical

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1 laboratories that use this procedure or an equivalent method
2 for collecting and analyzing samples. Did I read that
3 correctly?

4 A Yes, you did.

5 Q Now these options listed here, Appendix B of OSHA,
6 Appendix B OSHA method id-160 and NIOSH method 7400 are all PCM
7 methods, aren't they?

8 A I am not an expert on OSHA methods so I can't tell you
9 exactly the numbers but I do know that in mixed environment
10 following the logic that I've just described that OSHA makes a
11 provision and I believe it's 7204 for conversion when you are
12 in these mixed environments. So I don't know. You can read me
13 all of the OSHA regulations but it's not exactly my field.

14 Q I understand and I understand that --

15 A I do know the logic and I do know that OSHA has the same
16 provisions as EPA does. The same logic because it only makes
17 sense.

18 Q Let's go to the third page of this document. A great deal
19 of experience is required to routinely and correctly perform
20 differential counting. It is discouraged unless it is legally
21 necessary. Do you see that?

22 A Yes, I see that.

23 Q What is your understanding of what is meant by
24 differential counting?

25 A I think that for you to give me one sentence at a time

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1 from OSHA regulations isn't helpful. Because it would have to
2 be read in context. Because I know the logic that OSHA uses.
3 I know the logic that EPA uses and to read me one sentence at a
4 time I think can be very misleading.

5 Q Well let's -- and I don't want to mislead and I will read
6 more because -- and maybe that's necessary to put this in
7 context. At the top of this page it reads as follows. "As
8 previously mentioned in Section 1.3 PCM does not provide
9 positive confirmation of asbestos fibers. Alternate
10 differential counting techniques should be used if
11 discrimination is desirable. Differential counting may include
12 primary discrimination based on morphology, polarized light
13 analysis fibers or modification of PCM data by scanning
14 electron or transmission electron microscopy."

15 I'll stop there for a second. Transmission electron
16 microscopy is also known as TEM, correct?

17 A Correct.

18 Q Then it goes on to say, the regulation does, a great deal
19 of experience is required to routinely and correctly perform
20 differential counting. It is discouraged unless it is legally
21 necessary. Then only if a fiber is obviously not asbestos
22 should it be excluded from the count. Further discussion of
23 this technique can be found in reference 8.10. That is OSHA's
24 position, correct?

25 A I would not characterize this as the totality of OSHA's

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1 position because there is something wrong here that is
2 discouraged unless it is legally necessary. I know that -- I
3 know the logic that OSHA uses and there is something wrong.
4 I'm not seeing the entire regulation. I don't know about the
5 date. But I do know that there is the same logic at OSHA as
6 there is at EPA, and that is when you are in a mixed
7 environment you do need, and when you do need to do risk
8 assessment work and you do need to know if you are counting
9 asbestos fibers they need to be converted to PCME.

10 Q Thank you.

11 MR. MULLADY: I'll pass the witness.

12 THE COURT: Pardon me, Mr. Mullady. I'd like to ask
13 the witness a question based on the OSHA regulation. I know
14 Dr. Anderson, you don't confess to be an expert in the OSHA
15 regulations. I understand that, but is the policy not
16 consistent with the EPA policy that you are looking for the
17 maximum possible counts so that you can ensure public health?

18 DR. ANDERSON: Yes, but if it's not asbestos fibers
19 there is a provision made for using the TEM to find out if you
20 are dealing with an asbestos fiber or if you are dealing -- PCM
21 can just count all kinds of fibers beside a road when people
22 are doing roadwork and there can be virtually none or none as
23 far as asbestos counts are concerned.

24 So once you know the environment you are dealing
25 with, then maybe you don't need to use it. But if you are

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1 going to try to identify what's asbestos it's essential to use
2 some method that can identify if you are not in an asbestos
3 rich environment. When you are in construction trades and
4 transportation trades you can have a predominance of other
5 kinds of fibers that would be seen by PCM.

6 THE COURT: All right, thank you. Mr. Mullady, do
7 you have any follow up based on my question to the witness?

8 MR. MULLADY: No, I think to the extent we would have
9 any more inquiry on that Mr. Finch is quite capable of
10 following up.

11 THE COURT: All right, thank you. Mr. Finch.

12 MR. FINCH: Nathan Finch for the Asbestos Claimant's
13 Committee.

14 CROSS EXAMINATION

15 BY MR. FINCH:

16 Q Just one follow up. Dr. Anderson, you are not a
17 microscopy expert and you are not professing an expertise in
18 that area, correct?

19 A That's correct. And I have looked through these
20 microscopes and I do know what microscopists do.

21 Q You were asked some questions by Mr. Mullady about the
22 review of the person injury questionnaires. Do you recall
23 those questions, that Exponent did?

24 A Yes.

25 Q Okay, is it correct that unless someone either in their

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1 questionnaire or their questionnaire attachments said that they
2 personally mixed or personally installed a Grace containing
3 product they would have been put in the B, D or E categories?

4 A Not necessarily. You are saying if they didn't self-
5 identify as an A or C.

6 Q In review of the backup materials you couldn't tell if
7 they were in an A or C, then they would most likely have been
8 in the B, D, or E category.

9 MR. BERNICK: Objection to the form of the question.

10 A No. I don't think so at all. I think we -- there was
11 equal weight to end up in any one of the categories from the
12 background review of the materials. It just depended on what
13 was in the background review. There was no bias as to if they
14 didn't self-identify then they weren't going to be -- to have
15 an opportunity to be placed in an A category. That was not the
16 approach.

17 Q I think you misunderstood my question. If someone said,
18 let's say that they are an electrician and they didn't say that
19 they personally mixed or personally installed a Grace
20 containing product then they would be categorized as someone
21 who is in a space or in a site or removed or cut the product a
22 B, D or E, correct?

23 MR. BERNICK: Again, I'm objecting to that form of
24 the question. You are saying that they identify a job title
25 but they don't have anything in the backup that relates to or

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1 talks about their actual, what other category they would fall
2 into in terms of contact with asbestos?

3 DR. ANDERSON: Is that the question?

4 Q They identify themselves as an electrician and they don't
5 have anything further.

6 A We did not classify anyone according to just a job title.

7 Q Okay. Could you turn to your July 31st expert report?

8 It's in the notebook up there but it's ACC/FCR-432. Page 12.

9 So if the PIQ or the attachments included the relevant key word
10 such as mix or move, cut or install, you would put them in the
11 appropriate category, correct?

12 A That's correct.

13 Q So if someone said that they mixed Grace Zonolite plaster,
14 then they should have been put in the Category A, correct?

15 A If the rest of the materials, you know, supported that. I
16 mean the whole file had to be read, but if that's what the file
17 said in its totality that's where they would have been placed.

18 And if they had had two job experiences. Let's say they were
19 at some point at a site where something was being done but at
20 another time they actually were a mixer and that's what the
21 totality of the materials, the backup materials said, and if
22 they also identified they had been exposed to a Grace product,
23 they would have been elevated to the highest exposure category.

24 Q Okay, if there was insufficient information from which to
25 tell whether they were an A through an E, then you

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1 characterized the people with insufficient information in the
2 same ratio as if they did have information, correct?

3 A I think I, if I understand your question correctly, the
4 answer is no. If they had information and they were clearly
5 either an A or E, and we didn't know which one we put them in
6 the A. We wouldn't have put them in insufficient and that is
7 if the information showed other factors that they were exposed
8 to a Grace product and the whole file supported the information
9 not just some word that was not supported by other information
10 in the file or there were contradictions in the file or that
11 kind of thing. But no, we wouldn't have put them in
12 insufficient merely because at one point they did one job and
13 at another point they did another job.

14 Q If they were a construction laborer and they said that
15 they were in the vicinity of someone who was mixing Monokote,
16 then they would not be treated as a mixer and installer,
17 correct? They would be put either at a site or at a space?

18 A I think that has to be --

19 Q Well could --

20 A I think I can't generalize. It would depend on the file.

21 MR. BERNICK: Your Honor, the protocol was being
22 displayed to the witness in the court and all of a sudden, the
23 screen went blank.

24 MR. FINCH: We put the screen back up. Sorry.

25 BY MR. FINCH:

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- 1 Q Would you -- you also reviewed about 350 closed, settled
2 mesothelioma claims, is that correct, Exponent did?
- 3 A Exponent did. They're not in my report.
- 4 Q But they did that for purposes of Dr. Florence's later
5 analysis, correct?
- 6 A I understand that they are going to be provided to him. I
7 don't really know very much about them.
- 8 Q Okay, obviously, the settled mesothelioma claims don't
9 have questionnaires, correct?
- 10 A I believe that's correct.
- 11 Q Okay, so in that case what the Exponent people did is they
12 reviewed whatever materials Grace provided to them and put the
13 person in the appropriate A through E classification, correct?
- 14 A That's my understanding.
- 15 Q And they were supposed to use the same protocol for
16 reviewing the settled claims files as for reviewing the
17 questionnaires in terms of whether someone was a mixer or an
18 installer or one of the other categories, correct?
- 19 MR. BERNICK: I'm sorry, Your Honor. At this point
20 the witness is being asked about work that her firm didn't do
21 and I don't believe that she is relying -- if I am mistaken
22 about that, I'd like to know, but I think --
- 23 MR. FINCH: That's not correct.
- 24 BY MR. FINCH:
- 25 Q Dr. Anderson, your firm did review 350 settled

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1 mesothelioma questionnaires, correct?

2 A I have said they did but it's not part of my report and
3 it's not part of my analysis.

4 Q Do you know to the extent to which Dr. Florence relied on
5 that review of the settled claims?

6 A No.

7 MR. BERNICK: Object.

8 BY MR. FINCH:

9 Q If a document in the settled claims file said the worker
10 personally mixed a Grace asbestos product, they should have
11 been categorized as an A, correct?

12 MR. BERNICK: Objection to the form of the question
13 and foundation and it goes beyond the scope of this witness's
14 testimony and her opinions in this case and he's now seeking to
15 get this witness to comment on work that may or may not have
16 been done in connection with Dr. Florence's work. He should
17 ask the question of Dr. Florence and not ask this witness to
18 express opinions that he can then use to impeach --

19 THE COURT: I think what I said earlier was I would
20 take the objection in a short summary of the basis for it. I
21 don't need the argument, I think, unless I ask for it. Mr.
22 Finch, I think the witness has said she doesn't know how this
23 was done.

24 MR. FINCH: Your Honor, Dr. Florence also said he
25 didn't know how this was done. It was her firm that did the

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1 work.

2 THE COURT: Well, that doesn't mean you know
3 everything that's happening in your firm. Sometimes it would
4 be nice if you did. If you want to lay a foundation, fine, but
5 so far --

6 BY MR. FINCH:

7 Q Okay, would you agree with me that the Exponent people
8 reviewed whatever documents Grace gave them for reviewing the
9 settled mesothelioma claims files?

10 MR. BERNICK: I object to this question. It's going
11 beyond the scope of my examination and any other cross. He's
12 seeking to use this witness now to express opinions that go
13 beyond the scope of her appearance here. If he wants to call
14 her as part of his case, he can do that but he doesn't do it on
15 our time as --

16 MR. FINCH: I'm not asking her to express an opinion.
17 I'm asking her did they do this or did they not do this.

18 THE COURT: You can ask her if she knows.

19 BY MR. FINCH:

20 Q Do you know if they did this?

21 A I said I am aware that some closed claims were reviewed.
22 I did not include the analysis in my report. I don't know the
23 results of those analyses.

24 Q And you're aware that the same people who reviewed -- the
25 same people at Exponent who reviewed the questionnaires also

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- 1 reviewed the claims -- the closed claim files?
- 2 A That's right.
- 3 Q And they were given the same protocols?
- 4 A As far as I understand it.
- 5 Q Do you have a big, fat notebook in front of you, Dr.
- 6 Anderson? On direct examination you were asked about Dr.
- 7 Moolgavkar's 3.2 benchmark, do you recall that?
- 8 A Yes.
- 9 Q Okay, and you said that was based on the all fibers
- 10 calculation from the 1986 EPA airborne asbestos health
- 11 assessment update document?
- 12 A I think that Dr. Moolgavkar has discussed this in detail
- 13 in his report. I prefer to rely on him for that analysis.
- 14 Q Could you turn your book to Grace Exhibit 188? It's also
- 15 ACC/FCR 298. Are you familiar with this document?
- 16 A Yes, I am.
- 17 Q It was authored by Dr. William Nicholson under contract
- 18 for the EPA?
- 19 A Yes.
- 20 Q This is the same William Nicholson who published projected
- 21 future mesothelioma incidence in the United States paper in
- 22 1982?
- 23 A Yes, it is.
- 24 Q Could you turn to Page 90? You understand that -- you see
- 25 the table at the top there, Dr. Anderson?

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- 1 A Yes.
- 2 Q You understand that K Sub-M is the relative potency factor
- 3 for various types of asbestos fiber?
- 4 A It's a potency constant.
- 5 Q It's a potency constant. And the 1.0 times ten to the
- 6 minus eight is the all fibers constant, correct?
- 7 A I'm not sure that that's correct because what Dr.
- 8 Nicholson did to derive his dose -- I don't think that's
- 9 correct.
- 10 Q You testified on direct that you thought that the 3.2
- 11 benchmark wasn't appropriate because it included chrysotile,
- 12 correct?
- 13 A That came from Dr. Moolgavkar. My understanding is --
- 14 what you're looking at is the data table that has the summary
- 15 of the four studies that Dr. Nicholson used to merge the
- 16 studies to get K Sub-M for mesothelioma from these four studies
- 17 and then he used the K Sub-M ratio to the K Sub-L to use the
- 18 other -- these were the only studies he could qualify for the
- 19 meso analysis. So then he used the ratio to the K Sub-L to go
- 20 back and pick up the other studies so he used ten studies and
- 21 he used one dose response curve and it was from that EPA dose
- 22 response curve that I believe this three point number was
- 23 derived and Dr. Moolgavkar has discussed that.
- 24 Q Okay, you don't know whether the --
- 25 A He didn't use one study out of one of the four studies

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1 that was used as the basis for the derivation of the single
2 curve that Dr. Nicholson presented that's in the EPA IRIS --
3 the basis for the EPA IRIS file.

4 Q The basis for the EPA IRIS is the 1.0 times ten to the
5 minus eight. That's within the EPA, correct?

6 A No.

7 Q That's not what the EPA used?

8 A No, this is a summary of the four studies that were used
9 to derive the K Sub-M factor for EPA's dose response work and
10 then the ratio was used -- Dr. Nicholson derived only one dose
11 response curve for cancer for all fiber types.

12 Q Isn't it true that the average value of K Sub-M in the
13 1986 EPA paper is thus 1.0 times ten to the minus eight?

14 A No.

15 Q Would you turn to Page --

16 A What you're talking about -- you're trying to take the
17 parameter, the single parameter and equate it to the dose
18 response curve that Dr. Suresh Moolgavkar used in his analysis
19 and that EPA has used for years for the dose response curving.
20 What he was doing was a doubling of risk using that curve which
21 is based on all of these studies to derive that --

22 Q I understand that, but --

23 A And so you have to ask him about what he did. It's his --

24 Q Okay well, I asked Dr. Moolgavkar what he did yesterday
25 and we'll move on. Would you agree with me that this table on

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1 page 90 shows a K Sub-M for insulation workers that is higher
2 than 1.0 times ten to the minus eight, correct?

3 A I think he displays all of his K Sub-M for the four
4 studies that he used here so --

5 Q And would you agree with me that 1.5 times ten to the
6 minus eight is a higher potency factor than 1.0 times ten to
7 the minus eight?

8 A This isn't a potency factor. It's a constant that's used
9 in the equation.

10 Q Would you agree that it's a larger constant?

11 A Yes, it's a larger constant.

12 Q Okay, and would you -- do you agree that the insulator
13 cohort that is referenced there with the potency constant was
14 exposed only to chrysotile and amosite fibers and not to
15 chrysotile?

16 A I'm going to ask you to have this discussion with Dr.
17 Moolgavkar. This is what is in his expert report. It is not
18 in my expert report. I relied entirely on his work and I'm not
19 going to get into his dose response work in my testimony.

20 Q Okay well, you have the document in front of you. Could
21 you turn to Page 13 in the 1986 EPA document? You are familiar
22 with this document because you have relied upon it from time to
23 time in your own work, correct?

24 A Yes, and I also commissioned the work and I was director
25 of the office when the work was done but that doesn't mean that

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- 1 I presumed to do the dose response work myself and I'm not
2 going to redo Dr. Moolgavkar's work. And if you asked him
3 about it yesterday, you have his answers.
- 4 Q Could you turn to Page -- the bottom -- it talks -- the
5 study of U.S. and Canadian insulation workers by Selikoff, do
6 you see that, 3.2 mortality associated with asbestos exposure?
- 7 A I'm not sure where you are.
- 8 Q Bottom of the document. The study of U.S. and Canadian
9 insulation workers by Selikoff, et al.
- 10 A Yes.
- 11 Q Okay, the last sentence on the page reads, "The mortality
12 experience of 17,800 asbestos insulation workers was studied
13 prospectively from January 1, 1967 through December 31st, 1976.
14 The workers were exposed primarily to chrysotile prior to 1940,
15 to chrysotile and amosite from 1940 through 1965 and largely to
16 chrysotile thereafter. No chrysitolite is known to have been
17 used in the U.S. insulation materials. Selikoff, et al.,
18 1970." You don't dispute the facts as stated in this 1986 EPA
19 document, do you?
- 20 A This is one of ten studies that Dr. Nicholson used to
21 derive his merge to curve for -- for his cancer dose response
22 curve. Now as I've said, I'm not going to discuss Dr.
23 Moolgavkar's dose response work. I think you had him here
24 yesterday to ask him his questions. He has characterized this
25 work in his report. He has characterized this 3.2 as

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1 containing chrysitolite. My understanding is that the relative
2 risk of two was calculated from this very conservative EPA dose
3 response curve that's an upper bound. And as I said earlier,
4 there are a host of factors to be discussed when one wants to
5 discuss this relative risk factor and I've already listed a
6 number of them. As to the dose response work, I am certainly
7 deferring to Dr. Moolgavkar.

8 Q But you are saying that you believe the 3.2 dose response
9 isn't applicable here?

10 A Yes.

11 Q Because you believe it contains chrysitolite. And I'm
12 pointing out to you that the insulation potency factor is
13 higher than the one that Dr. Moolgavkar used and it's a cohort
14 of people that were not exposed to chrysitolite, correct?

15 A Dr. Nicholson did not derive his dose --

16 MR. BERNICK: Objection. Objection to -- I'm sorry,
17 Dr. Anderson. I object to the form of the question. It's
18 compound and it assumes a record with regard to Dr.
19 Moolgavkar's testimony that's not been before this witness.

20 THE COURT: No, I think that's not what it assumes.
21 I think the basic question which was based on this document
22 which I think the witness did not answer which is whether or
23 not she accepts the proposition that's stated in this document
24 and that's really the appropriate question.

25 MR. FINCH: That's the question.

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1 THE COURT: Let's go back to that question.

2 MR. BERNICK: So what statement are we talking about?

3 THE COURT: The statement on Pages --

4 BY MR. FINCH:

5 Q Do you accept the proposition that the insulator cohort of
6 the study by Selikoff from 1967 to 1976, that these workers
7 were exposed primarily to chrysotile products to 1940, to
8 chrysotile and amosite from 1940 through 1965 and largely to
9 chrysotile thereafter, no chrysotile is known to have been
10 used in the U.S. insulation material. Do you accept that
11 factual statement in this document, Dr. Anderson?

12 MR. BERNICK: Objection, lack of foundation.

13 THE WITNESS: I said -- you've read it correctly but
14 Dr. Nicholson used ten studies to derive a common dose response
15 curve.

16 BY MR. FINCH:

17 Q Dr. Nicholson didn't use --

18 A And I don't see what bearing that has --

19 Q Dr. Nicholson used the four studies in here, correct?

20 A But then he derived a ratio so that he could go back and
21 pick up the other studies to complete his dose response work.
22 Dr. Moolgavkar has discussed this in detail in his report and I
23 don't wish -- I don't want to and I don't feel it necessary for
24 me to try to invade his territory. But you read that statement
25 correctly.

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1 Q And you don't dispute that it's factually accurate?

2 MR. BERNICK: It's the same question that he's now
3 put to her four different times --

4 THE WITNESS: You read the statement --

5 MR. BERNICK: -- and there's no foundation for it now
6 and there wasn't foundation for it before.

7 THE COURT: Well, I don't know the foundation for it.
8 I don't know whether she has any personal knowledge of the
9 facts. So if she does, she can answer the question. If she
10 has no personal knowledge of the facts, she'll state so. Dr.
11 Anderson, do you have any personal knowledge of the facts
12 within this report?

13 THE WITNESS: I do and I know that he's reading
14 correctly one summary statement from one of the ten studies
15 that were eventually used. And I said that the eventual dose
16 response work involved a number of studies and that's what Dr.
17 Moolgavkar -- that's his specialty and that's what he has
18 discussed and it is not my specialty.

19 BY MR. FINCH:

20 Q All right, this is a graphic that -- would you put the
21 ELMO on please?

22 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: I'm sorry, what?

23 MR. FINCH: Put the ELMO on please?

24 BY MR. FINCH:

25 Q Dr. Anderson, this is one of the graphics that Mr. Bernick

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1 showed you, is that correct?

2 A Yes.

3 Q Okay, you have various what you call benchmarks on the
4 right-hand side here, correct?

5 A Yes, and they are truncated because there are ones that
6 are higher.

7 Q Right, the scale is broken on the right-hand side, right?

8 A Right.

9 Q Now, in your view, someone who has been exposed -- is it
10 correct that someone who has mesothelioma who has been exposed
11 to cumulative fiber years of exposure to Grace asbestos of 17,
12 that their mesothelioma could have resulted from that exposure
13 to the Grace products?

14 MR. BERNICK: Objection to the form of the question.

15 THE WITNESS: No, that's not what this analysis
16 shows. What I said is using these screening analysis
17 techniques -- now, later on I looked at the information I had
18 and I saw that just by adjusting even one parameter which was
19 the duration from the PIQ's, you see very different patterns
20 emerge. But I said using a very severe upper bound
21 conservative screen, that I would recommend that the A's and
22 the C's be further analyzed.

23 Q Okay, so it's at least possible that those -- that you
24 would admit that those could have been caused by exposure to
25 Grace asbestos?

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1 MR. BERNICK: Objection. Calls for speculation, lack
2 of foundation.

3 THE WITNESS: I was not addressing causality. This
4 is a screening process and what I have said is there could be
5 some reliable scientific information behind these claims and
6 they should be looked at further.

7 BY MR. FINCH:

8 Q Okay, what about -- do you believe that -- is it your
9 opinion that someone who is exposed to 4.5 fiber years of
10 exposure to Grace asbestos that that person's mesothelioma
11 could not under any circumstances be attributed to the Grace
12 asbestos exposure?

13 MR. BERNICK: Objection. What person are we talking
14 about?

15 THE COURT: Yes.

16 MR. FINCH: A hypothetical person.

17 MR. BERNICK: A hypothetical person under what
18 particular circumstances?

19 MR. FINCH: Your Honor, may I get an answer to my
20 question?

21 MR. BERNICK: Your Honor, I really --

22 THE COURT: No, you can get a ruling on the
23 objection. Gentlemen, both of you have to stop this. All of
24 you have to stop it. The ruling on the objection is that the
25 objection is sustained. The hypothetical at this point does

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1 not fit the facts. You may restate the question.

2 BY MR. FINCH:

3 Q Dr. Anderson, is it your view that someone who is exposed
4 to 4.5 fiber years cumulative exposure to Grace products does
5 not have a scientifically plausible claim that their
6 mesothelioma was caused by the Grace exposure?

7 A All right, if we take this completely away from my
8 analysis because I did not do individual analysis, I am not
9 trying to establish causality. I was trying to establish a
10 viable screen at a very severe upper bound conservative level
11 from the analysis. But if you ask me if I think that someone,
12 anyone with this kind of exposure has -- what did you say?

13 Q Has a mesothelioma that has a scientifically valid claim
14 that their mesothelioma could have been caused by exposure to
15 Grace asbestos.

16 MR. BERNICK: I object to the form of the question.

17 THE COURT: That's sustained.

18 THE WITNESS: Certainly not.

19 THE COURT: It's sustained. This witness is not
20 doing individual causation analysis. There is no foundation on
21 this record for that.

22 BY MR. FINCH:

23 Q Okay, so in your view someone who has 4.5 fiber years of
24 exposure to Grace asbestos and has mesothelioma, that person
25 cannot scientifically, validly attribute their mesothelioma to

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1 the Grace exposure?

2 A I said I was willing to answer in the abstract. That's
3 not the subject of my analysis. We're on the inference part of
4 that curve. I presented all of these benchmarks to give a feel
5 for just how low these values are or how high they are. I had
6 the benchmarks and then I assembled the data. But when you're
7 speaking of these very low levels that are vastly lower than
8 the observed range, I can tell you what, I think, that is, that
9 we are getting very far away from the scientific basis for
10 making that judgment. And that's what I've said in my
11 deposition. I'm being consistent.

12 But this is not -- I'm not doing individual causality
13 analysis in this work I've done. I'm looking again --

14 Q So you're not doing -- you're not offering any opinion
15 that someone with any particular exposure to Grace products,
16 that their mesothelioma couldn't have been caused by that
17 exposure?

18 MR. BERNICK: Objection to the form of the question.
19 Are we talking about a specific individual? Are we talking
20 about individuals within a group?

21 MR. FINCH: Any individual.

22 MR. BERNICK: I don't think that addresses the issue.
23 Your Honor, at this point I think this witness has been here
24 for a long time. This is argumentative --

25 MR. FINCH: Your Honor, this is an argumentative

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1 objection. He should either object to form or not object to
2 form.

3 THE COURT: Mr. Finch, the witness has testified
4 repetitiously that she has been doing analyses within
5 categories, that she is not looking at individual analyses --

6 MR. FINCH: Okay, let me ask three more questions.

7 BY MR. FINCH:

8 Q You have something called OSHA PEL on there as a
9 benchmark, correct?

10 A Yes.

11 Q Is it your view that the OSHA PEL is -- that there is no
12 excess risk of mesothelioma from exposure to asbestos at that
13 level?

14 A Using public health protective risk analysis, they have
15 done some statements, hypothetical statements of risk
16 associated with that. They're not that high. It's what OSHA
17 accepts. What I have said is that if we're dealing with
18 scientific-based information, we would need to be above the
19 observed range, about 25 fibers per milliliter year. And as we
20 go down that curve, the competence that there is any
21 association becomes less and this is very low on that
22 competence curve. So I'm not establishing causality. I was
23 providing this information for a screen and against that screen
24 I was using an exceptionally severe set of assumptions. And so
25 I think you are -- I don't think I can answer individual claim

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1 questions.

2 The second part of that answer has to be, for any
3 individual claim, I think one must look at, if anyone is doing
4 this which I am not as far as risk analysis is concerned, you'd
5 have to look at the whole set of circumstances, how long a
6 person has been exposed, what are the alternative exposures.
7 And just to say if someone was exposed at 4.5 and the inference
8 zone of a hypothetical dose response curve where the curve is
9 uncertain in the inference zone anyway and it's uncertain by
10 factors -- Nicholson said factor of 20 on either side -- I
11 don't think that this OSHA number is created to establish
12 causality. That's my view.

13 Q Are you aware that OSHA's preamble to the regulation
14 states that OSHA's risk assessment also show that reducing
15 exposures to 0.1 fiber per cc would reduce excess cancer risk
16 to 3.4 per 1,000 workers?

17 A That is -- that's what I was talking about earlier when I
18 talked about the divergence between causality and
19 inference-based judgments. OSHA is speaking as a public health
20 protective agency. They're charged with protecting worker
21 health. They're using the same precautionary dose response
22 curves I used at EPA and that's what they mean. They're
23 reading that value off of this hypothetical default curve that
24 I described earlier that I described as a plausible upper bound
25 on the risk, meaning the risk could be considerably lower even

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1 approaching zero.

2 So they're saying if I go down that curve somewhat
3 more, I would get a smaller number. But, in fact, we don't
4 know that there's any cancer caused, or mesothelioma or any
5 cancer, caused on this linear non threshold curve. And the
6 desire in all of risk analysis for carcinogens now is to
7 understand the mechanisms of action so that we can better
8 describe the slow dose range. So these are hypothetical upper
9 bound risk estimates and that's all they are.

10 Q And you didn't make any attempt to analyze causation on an
11 individual claimant level, correct?

12 A Correct.

13 Q And you did not -- you didn't make any attempt to estimate
14 any exposure to asbestos that these individuals would have had
15 from sources other than Grace, correct?

16 A That's correct.

17 MR. BERNICK: Objection.

18 THE WITNESS: I made in my expert report only of
19 alternative claims and then also I did make note of those
20 claimants that I particularly made the assertion that they were
21 exposed in shipyards.

22 BY MR. FINCH:

23 Q Okay, if the category B claimants showed cumulative
24 asbestos exposure of 4.5 fiber years, would you have concluded
25 that those claims in that category should be subject to further

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1 review?

2 MR. BERNICK: I'm sorry, could I have the question
3 read again?

4 BY MR. FINCH:

5 Q If the category B claimants showed that they had
6 cumulative exposure to Grace products of 4.5 fiber years, would
7 you have concluded that those claims in that category should be
8 subject to further review to determine whether Grace --

9 MR. BERNICK: Objection.

10 MR. FINCH: -- could have caused their mesothelioma?

11 MR. BERNICK: Objection to the form of the question.
12 Is he asking about if there was one person in the category or
13 whether the mean dose in that category was 4.5?

14 BY MR. FINCH:

15 Q If the mean dose in that category was 4.5 instead of 2.1.

16 A It would depend on the product, the product mix and a view
17 of all the benchmarks. I wouldn't do it necessarily just
18 because -- that's if you're exposed to the OSHA standard for 45
19 years and that does not mean that OSHA has set a standard, that
20 they think, in an occupational setting would cause
21 mesothelioma, nor do I. But I think before that judgment could
22 be made, one would have to look at the entire nature of
23 exposure category, what the product is that one is being
24 exposed to and make judgments against all of the benchmarks.
25 But probably not.

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1 MR. BERNICK: Your Honor, at this point I would note
2 that Mr. Finch has now doubled his 15 minutes and their
3 estimate of two and a half hours is wrong by 35 minutes and
4 they have now doubled the time that I spent on direct
5 examination and I'm concerned about finishing today.

6 MR. FINCH: Your Honor, I don't have any more
7 questions.

8 THE COURT: Redirect?

9 MR. BERNICK: Let's do a couple of things here this
10 afternoon quickly. Could I have the ELMO on please for just a
11 moment? Thank you very much.

12 REDIRECT EXAMINATION

13 BY MR. BERNICK:

14 Q Referring you to that same table which is contained in
15 GX-188 that had the K-M factors that Mr. Finch talked about, he
16 asked you a lot about this one here which is insulation workers
17 which is 1.5 times ten to the minus eight, do you recall that?

18 A Yes.

19 Q And if we take a look at the insulation workers and in
20 fact the description that Mr. Finch directed you to, it was at
21 Section 3.2, and the continuing on or the continuing language
22 on Page 14 was, "These workers were exposed primarily to
23 chrysotile prior to 1940, to chrysotile and amosite or from
24 1940 to 1965, and largely to chrysotile thereafter." You see
25 where it refers to exposure to chrysotile and amosite for 25

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